



HIKING SAFARIS - NAMIBIA

FULLY CATERED HIKING
SAFARIS IN NAMIBIA



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Namibia Tourism Board

Hike in Namibia

At Whipps Wilderness Safaris, we invite adventurous travellers from around the world to experience Namibia in the most intimate way possible — on foot.



Our fully supported slack-packing safaris are designed to combine the thrill of hiking through remote wilderness with the comfort of well-prepared camps, delicious meals, and the warmth of Namibian hospitality.

Each trail has been carefully curated to showcase the unique beauty of the landscapes we traverse, from the ancient baobabs of the Nyae Nyae Conservancy to the granite outcrops of Wüstenquell, the elephant trails of Damaraland, and the community-run Five Kalahari Farms Hike.



OUR NAMIBIAN HIKES



The Sorris Sorris Hike

4 Days - 70 km



The Wüstenquell Geological Hike

3 Days - 43 km



The Nyae Nyae Bushman Hike

4 Days - 82 km



The 5 Kalahari Farms Hike

4 Days - 78 km

Book 4 or more hikers and we'll tailor a private hike to your dates (subject to availability).

During the day, hikers journey through pristine and often untouched areas, carrying only a light daypack with water, snacks, and personal items. Meanwhile, our experienced back-up team transports luggage and supplies, ensuring that every camp is ready and waiting at the end of the day. Evenings are a highlight of the journey, with magical wild camps set beneath star-studded skies.



Guests sleep in spacious safari tents and refresh with hot bucket showers, before gathering around the fire to enjoy hearty, home-cooked meals in a communal dining area that often becomes the heart of the group experience.

The sense of camaraderie, storytelling, and connection that unfolds around the fire is just as memorable as the landscapes themselves.





The Wüstenquell Hike

Explore the wonders of Wüstenquell with our exclusive hiking safari. This 3-day, 43km fully catered, slack packing hike offers breathtaking views of granite sculptures and the arid Namib Naukluft Park. Perfect for geology enthusiasts and beginner hikers.

2026 SCHEDULED DATES:

4 - 7 April 2026

10 - 13 September 2026

Difficulty Level 5/10



The Wüstenquell Hiking Safari Itinerary

Arrival Day – Settle into the Desert

Guests are welcomed at Wüstenquell Lodge from 14:00 onward and given time to settle into their comfortable en-suite rooms overlooking the vast Namibian landscape. As the sun sets over the granite hills, the group gathers for a hearty welcome dinner and an informative hike briefing with the Whipps Wilderness Safaris team.

Day 1 – Sculpted by Nature | ±13 km

After an early breakfast, the hike begins with a walk into the breathtaking granite world that surrounds Wüstenquell. Along the way, you'll pass landmarks such as Eagle's Rock and the incredible Elephant Rock, whose size and shape seem carved by an artist's hand. The day's hike winds through open plains and ancient rock fields before arriving at a wild camp nestled among the boulders, offering panoramic views across the Namib Naukluft Park. Your Sahara-style tents are already set up, and dinner is served under a star-studded sky – a fitting end to a day spent walking through ancient geological wonders.

Day 2 – Canyon Descent & Riverbed Camp | ±15 km

Today's journey takes you down into a secluded canyon, revealing a different side of this ever-changing terrain. The route follows an ancient dry riverbed, rich in geological history and scattered with desert flora. By late afternoon, you reach the next wild camp, set beneath the giant Anna trees that line the riverbed – a tranquil, shaded oasis.

Day 3 – Rock Art & Return to the Lodge | ±15 km

On your final hiking day, the route winds back toward Wüstenquell Lodge, but not before making two remarkable cultural stops. First, you'll visit a hidden Bushman cave, where San rock art still adorns the stone walls – silent yet powerful testaments to the ancient people who once walked these same trails. A short walk further brings you to the Bushman's Ladder, a fascinating feature believed to have been constructed from branches and used to reach wild honey high in the rock faces.

The hike concludes as you return to the lodge by mid-afternoon. There, a refreshing drink, a swim, and a cozy rest await. In the evening, share one last farewell dinner with your group, reflecting on the journey and the wild beauty of Namibia you've just experienced on foot. Accommodation on the last night is provided in en-suite rooms at Wüstenquell Lodge.



The Sorris Sorris Hike

Discover the magic of Damaraland with our Sorris Sorris Hiking Safari. Trek through stunning landscapes and encounter majestic desert-adapted elephants.

This 4-day fully catered, slack-packing hiking trail in the Sorris Sorris Conservancy of 70km takes hikers to the Brandberg area and Ugab River.

2026 SCHEDULED DATES

4 – 9 June 2026

Difficulty Level 6/10



The Sorris Sorris Hiking Safari Itinerary

Pre-Hike Arrival & Briefing at Madisa Camp

Arrive in the afternoon and settle into accommodation provided at Madisa Camp. A hike briefing will be held before a hearty dinner. Drinking water is provided for the entire hike, while beers, ciders, wines, and soft drinks are available for purchase. Vehicles will be parked in a designated area at Madisa Camp and will remain there for the duration of the hike. The evening offers a chance to relax and prepare for the adventure ahead.

Day 1 and 2: Into the Wilderness | ±20 km per day

The adventure begins as hikers set off on a 20 km trek on both days, through rugged terrain, dry riverbeds, and towering rock formations. A brunch stop en route provides a chance to refuel and soak in the surroundings. Evenings are spent at scenic wild camps, with comfortable tents, warm showers, and delicious meals enjoyed under the stars. A foot spa awaits weary hikers at the end of each day, offering relaxation after the day's journey.

Day 3: Trekking Along the Ugab River | ±15 km

After a refreshing breakfast, hikers set off along the Ugab River, following ancient elephant trails and breathtaking desert scenery. A brunch stop provides a well-earned break before continuing towards Sorris Sorris / Anixab. The day's journey ends at a wild camp nestled between koppies in the Ugab River, where a fully equipped camp with showers, toilets, and a comfortable dining area awaits. The evening is spent unwinding under a canopy of stars, with a delicious dinner and a well-deserved rest.

Day 4: Final Stretch & Return to Madisa Camp | ±15km

The final day follows the winding course of the Ugab River, offering stunning views and the chance to spot wildlife along the way. A brunch stop provides a chance to relax before completing the hike. Hikers are then transported back to Madisa Camp, where their vehicles await. The last night is spent at Madisa Camp, where a celebratory dinner marks the end of an unforgettable hiking journey.

Departure & Transfers

After breakfast, guests are transferred to their respective transport points, bringing a remarkable Four-Day Ugab River Hiking Adventure to a close.



The Nyae Nyae Hike

Discover the rich culture and stunning landscapes of the Nyae Nyae Bushman Hiking Safari. This 4-day, 82km adventure takes you through the heart of Bushman land and the Nyae Nyae Pans.

2026 SCHEDULED DATES:

2 - 7 July 2026

14 - 18 July 2026

Difficulty Level 7/10



The Nyae Nyae Hiking Safari Itinerary

Pre-Hike Arrival & Briefing at Tsumkwe Country Lodge

Arrive in the late afternoon and settle into tented accommodation at Tsumkwe Country Lodge. A hike briefing will be held before a hearty dinner. Drinking water is provided for the entire hike, while beers, ciders, wines, and soft drinks are available for purchase. The evening offers a chance to relax and prepare for the adventure ahead.

Day 1: Tsumkwe to Makuri Community Campsite | ±23 km

The hike begins through the Nyae Nyae Conservancy, a landscape rich in ancient Baobabs and vast, open plains. A brunch stop awaits near a massive Baobab tree, offering a moment to refuel and take in the surroundings. The day ends at Makuri Community Campsite, where hikers can enjoy warm showers, comfortable tents, and a delicious dinner under the stars.

Day 2: Wild Camp at /Aotcha Pan | ±24 km

The trail continues deeper into the Kalahari wilderness, passing through diverse terrain. A brunch stop along the way allows for a well-earned break and refreshments. The night is spent at a wild camp beneath a massive Baobab tree at /Aotcha Pan. This remote setting provides a true wilderness experience, with a fully set-up camp, showers, toilets, and a communal dining area.

Day 3: From /Aotcha Pan to Nyae Nyae Pan | ±19 km

This leg of the journey takes hikers past ancient Baobabs and unique landscapes. A brunch stop under the shade of one of these towering trees offers a perfect pause. The afternoon's hike passes the Hippo Pools, a fascinating feature in the Nyae Nyae region. The night is spent camping next to Nyae Nyae Pan.

Day 4: Final Stretch to Tsumkwe | ±16 km

The last day's hike brings hikers back to Tsumkwe Country Lodge, with a brunch stop en route. After arriving, a refreshing swim in the lodge pool awaits, offering a much-needed cool-down. The adventure concludes with a visit to the oldest Baobab in the region. The final night is spent at Tsumkwe Country Lodge, with a celebratory dinner under the stars.

Departure & Transfers

After breakfast, guests are transferred to their respective transport points, bringing an unforgettable Four-Day Nyae Nyae Hiking Adventure to a close.



The 5 Kalahari Farms Hike



The Five Kalahari Farms Slack Packing Hike offered by WWS is a breath-taking 4-day, 78 km adventure through Namibia's stunning Kalahari landscape, traversing privately-owned farms rich in diverse scenery, from vast pans and red dunes to riverbeds and open savannahs.

Hikers will enjoy guided walks, immersive nature experiences, and delicious local produce sourced from the farms along the route.

2026 SCHEDULED DATES:

21 – 26 MAY 2026

20 – 25 AUGUST 2026

Difficulty Level 5/10



The Five Kalahari Farms Hiking Itinerary

Arrival & Pre-Hike Camp at Doornboompan - please arrive by 5 pm

Hikers will gather at Doornboompan, the farm of Talita and Fanie Horn, for an overnight stay near the Farmhouse before the journey begins. Here, guests will enjoy a warm welcome, a hearty meal, and a magical overnight camp with outdoor showers and toilets. A detailed briefing will be provided on the upcoming adventure.

Day 1: Doornboompan to Gemsbokpan | ±21 km

The hike begins with an exploration of Doornboompan, where vast Kalahari landscapes unfold. A scenic brunch stop near the big pan features fresh, locally sourced ingredients. After brunch, the trail leads to Gemsbokpan, the farm of Andre and Susan du Toit, where hikers will settle into a comfortable WWS wild camp. A fireside dinner showcasing Namibian ingredients awaits.

Day 2: Gemsbokpan to Olifantwater West | ±18 km

The journey continues across Gemsbokpan, with brunch served at Olifantwater Ost, a picturesque setting known for its open savannahs and vibrant birdlife. After refuelling, hikers proceed to Olifantwater West, the farm of Eckhart Förtsch, where they will camp in the stunning Olifants Riverbed.

Day 3: Ellingerode to Namburn Pan | ±20 km

Hikers set off across the red dunes of Ellingerode, the farm of Uwe and Silvia Kühnel, experiencing the vastness of the Kalahari. A memorable brunch stop at the dunes offers a moment of serenity. The trek then leads to Namburn Pan, a dramatic salt pan where the next WWS wild camp is set up.

Day 4: Namburn Pan to Neumark | ±19 km

The final full day of hiking takes adventurers through Eckhart's farm's unique landscapes, crossing into Neumark, the farm of Manfred and Tanya Förtsch. The day's brunch stop will be chosen en route, depending on conditions. The last night's camp offers a celebratory atmosphere, with a special farewell dinner to reflect on the journey.

Day 5: Departure & Transfers

After a leisurely morning, guests will be returned to their departure points, bringing this unforgettable Five Kalahari Farms adventure to a close. With memories of wild landscapes, warm hospitality, and delicious meals, hikers leave rejuvenated by the Kalahari's magic.



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